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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

## DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF DECISION

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NUMBER NEV90056

Newmont Mining Corporation
Mill 5/6 – Gold Quarry – James Creek Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to approve a major modification to Water Pollution Control Permit NEV90056, held by Newmont Mining Corporation, to incorporate the Pete Open Pit Mine. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved mining facilities in Eureka County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The modified permit will become effective July 03, 2003. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, June 30, 2003, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851. For more information, contact Miles Shaw directly at (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Division website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

Comment letters in support of the major modification were received from Jette C. and Thom Seal, and Kevin Sur of Elko.

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